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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the services that may be provided by a
2 registered dental assistant.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 153.38, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **153.38 Dental assistants — scope of practice.**

4 A registered dental assistant may perform ~~these~~ services of
5 assistance to a licensed dentist. Such services include the
6 placement of sealants, the removal of supragingival plaque,
7 stains, or hard natural or synthetic materials, and other
8 services as determined by the board by rule. Such services
9 shall be performed under supervision of a licensed dentist in
10 a dental office, a public or private school, public health
11 agencies, hospitals, and the armed forces, but shall not be
12 construed to authorize a dental assistant to practice dentistry
13 or dental hygiene. Every licensed dentist who utilizes the
14 services of a registered dental assistant for the purpose of
15 assistance in the practice of dentistry shall be responsible
16 for acts delegated to the registered dental assistant. A
17 dentist shall delegate to a registered dental assistant only
18 those acts which are authorized to be delegated to registered
19 dental assistants in this section and by the board.

20 EXPLANATION

21 Code section 153.38 currently provides that the dental
22 board determines the services that may be performed by a
23 dental assistant. This bill specifies that the placement of
24 sealants, and the removal of supragingival plaque, stains, or
25 hard natural or synthetic materials are services that may be
26 provided by an assistant. These services would be in addition
27 to those specified in rule.